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Advisory Action	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/223,431	KWOH ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit	
Polin Chieu	2615	

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 17 April 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

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1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 - (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-3,7,10-15,17,19-22 and 25-72.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.
9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

10. Other: PTO-892

Continuation of 2. NOTE: the amendments to claims 1 and 29, "wherein the directory includes textual tiles associated with the displayed video programs", raises new issues that require further consideration and search.

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: the amendments raise new issues that require further consideration and search; and the arguments are not persuasive.

ADVISORY ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 4/17/03 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The amendments to claims 1 and 29 raise new issues that require further consideration and search. Regarding claims 48, 50, and 62, the Applicant argues that Yamagami is a still picture recording device that does not record video; and Yamagami does not teach converting an audio signal into textual titles. Yamagami discloses recording moving images (col. 7, line 56 – col. 8, line 5); and converting audio signals into a textual title (col. 9, lines 25-30). Note: In Yamagami "audio recognition" refers to the process of converting audio to text (col. 11, lines 52-64). The Applicant argues that Yamagami does not display textual titles, it displays icons representing stored text files. The examiner believes the text icons contain at least part of the text because in the case that a file only contains text or text and audio there would be no way to distinguish between files since there is not an image icon. For example, in figure 5 of Yamagami two files only contain text data. If the text icon is simply an icon without text, how is the user able to determine which file is which? Thereby defeating the purpose of the display (i.e. having a display to provide easy and quick searching for a recorded file). Without actual text in the icon the user would have to select a text icon; and if the file was not the desired file, the user would have to go back and select another text icon, thereby making the search for a file neither easy nor quick.

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ikeda and Bluvband disclose audio character recognition that converts audio to text.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Polin Chieu whose telephone number is (703) 308-6070. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8:00 AM-6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew B. Christensen can be reached on (703) 308-9644. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.

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